

REMARKS

The Office action mailed on 16 June 2004 (Paper No. 4) has been carefully considered. Allowance of claims 1 thru 6, 14 and 15 is appreciated.

The title of the invention is being changed and the specification and Abstract are being amended to correct minor error and improve form. Claims 8, 18 and 20 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1 thru 7, 9, 12 thru 17 and 19 are being amended. Thus, claims 1 thru 7, 9 thru 17 and 19 are pending in the application.

In paragraph 1 of the Office action, the Examiner requested amendment of the title of the invention as being allegedly not descriptive. Accordingly, the title of the invention is being changed to "DISPLAY APPARATUS AND CONTROLLING METHOD FOR ON-SCREEN DISPLAY OF BAR CODE DATA". Accordingly, the objection to the title should no longer apply, and should be withdrawn.

In paragraph 2 of the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 7, 16, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102 for alleged anticipation by Mankovitz, U.S. Patent No. 5,523,794. In paragraph 3 of the Office action, the Examiner merely objected to claims 8 thru 13, 18 and 20 for dependency upon a rejected base claim, and stated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For the reasons stated below, it is submitted that the claims of

the present application, as now amended, are distinguishable from the prior art cited by the Examiner so as to preclude rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103.

Independent claim 1 and associated dependent claims 2 thru 6 are being amended merely for the purpose of improving their form. Accordingly, allowance of these claims is still appropriate.

Independent claim 7 is being amended to include the recitation from allowable dependent claim 8. In view of the indication of allowability of dependent claim 8, independent claim 7 and its associated dependent claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Allowed claims 14 and 15 are being amended merely for the sake of improving their form. Therefore, allowance of independent claim 14 and associated dependent claim 15 should still be appropriate.

Independent claim 16 is being amended to include the recitations from allowable dependent claim 18. Since dependent claim 18 was merely objected to dependency upon a rejected base claim, amended independent claim 16 and associated dependent claim 17 should now be in condition for allowance.

Finally, independent claim 19 is being amended to include the recitations from dependent claim 20. Since dependent claim 20 was merely objected to for dependency upon a rejected base claim, independent claim 19 should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance, and early issuance thereof is solicited. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

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